

FOUR PLATFORMS BEING PREPARED

All Republican Candidates to Try and Foist Ideas on the Chicago Convention.

TAFT WILL GET MAJORITY REPORT ON HIS PARTY CREED

Will Have Control of Resolutions Committee and Expects to Shut Off T. R.'s Report.

Chicago, June 15.—At least four platforms are in the course of preparation for presentation to the Republican National Convention when it meets here next week. However, President Taft's friends will control the resolutions committee, which presents the majority report.

Col. Roosevelt is writing personally a platform which his friends will demand shall be adopted as the party creed. It will come into the convention as a minority report.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, who has been endorsed in the primaries of two States for the Presidential nomination and who has thirty-six votes in the convention, has not yet abandoned his plans to personally sit in the committee on platform and resolutions, and try to force incorporation of many of the La Follette ideas. The La Follette contingent also proposes to carry their fight to the convention floor.

Cummins Has Platform, Too.

Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa also has prepared a platform which the one member of the resolutions committee who he is almost certain to control will present to the committee, and later carry to the convention floor in debate. Cummins has ten votes in the convention and may possibly show the entire Iowa strength on the first platform vote.

William Barnes, Jr., of New York, today insisted that President Taft will have sufficient votes in the convention who will stand hitched at all times to pull through the Taft platform.

"Boss Bill" Flinn, chief political scout of the Roosevelt camp, continued to do to reach to every Roosevelt delegate absolute fealty upon every question which may come before the convention. He urges each man to vote for every Roosevelt plank presented in the convention no matter what may be his personal convictions.

Crumbs for Dark Horses.

Between the Taft and Roosevelt forces there promises to be a battle royal for the privilege of dictating absolutely the wording and principles of the platform. La Follette and Cummins must take the crumbs. These crumbs may be most substantial in the platform vote. Flinn usually progressive, La Follette's biggest hope rests in the incorporation of a physical valuation of railway planks in the party platform.

In the two big camps, "platform" is still a word to be spoken largely in whispers. Dynamite, spelled in capital letters, is the word taken on the platform by "Boss" Flinn and the Roosevelt leaders. Congressman McKinley, manager of President Taft, made his first statement concerning a platform today. He stated clearly and concisely that the Taft people will first demand that no law nor measure shall be advocated, which in any manner will necessitate a change in the Constitution or the rights of the people.

Without discussing the merits or demerits of initiative and referendum, Congressman McKinley insists such a law for the nation at large would necessitate a constitutional amendment, and, therefore, it is not tenable in the Taft platform. He bitterly scores judicial recall as "subversion of the Constitution and the rights of the people."

Taft's Protection for All.

"President Taft's platform will be one which will declare for the protection of the minority as well as the majority," said Congressman McKinley.

President Taft has several men working on his platform. They will be prepared to place it before the resolutions committee as soon as the Taft platform is ready. The Taft platform will be placed foremost among the Taft planks. The President will declare unequivocally for the elimination of tariff from politics and the fixing of duties in accordance with data gathered by a board of tariff experts and investigators.

Col. Roosevelt's tariff plank will recommend also some kind of a tariff commission, but the exact nature of the plan, which the Oyster Bay man has devised is still unknown. That the party platform, no matter who finally writes it, will contain a tariff commission plank looks absolutely certain today.

To Have Suffrage Plank.

Col. Roosevelt's declaration for woman suffrage makes the adoption of a "women's" plank by the convention practically assured. The Roosevelt people will vote almost solidly for it. The Arkansas delegation pledged to President Taft has announced it will support the plank.

Col. Roosevelt may not present his "judicial recall" plank, but it is certain his followers will demand elimination from the platform of words suggesting it which President Taft proposes to incorporate in his declaration.

Upon the physical valuation of railways plank promises to come one of the most spectacular of all platform fights. It will bring one of the big fights of the convention.

If, as is generally predicted, even among some of the Taft and Roosevelt leaders, the delegates will write their own platform on the floor of the convention, the La Follette plank will stand a good chance to win.

Led by La Follette, the entire Wisconsin oratorical battery will be turned

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION'S "DARK HORSE."



CHARLES E. HUGHES.

Former Governor of New York, who is persistently mentioned as a compromise candidate in the fight for the Republican Presidential nomination at the National Convention in Chicago.

on the convention to win this plank. La Follette believes firmly that if he succeeds in forcing the Republican party to adopt his physical valuation of railway idea it will make him the Republican Presidential nominee in 1916.

Among other features to be incorporated in the platform are these:

Extension of civil service laws to cover postmasters, district attorneys, and bank examiners.

Preservation and strengthening of the Sherman anti-trust law.

No let up in the Federal prosecution of "illegal trusts" and monopolies in restraint of trade.

Amendment of the national banking law to provide for the creation of a national reserve fund and the establishment of a more elastic currency.

Through Gov. Stubbs, of Kansas, and other Roosevelt leaders, it was permitted to permeate among the delegates that Col. Roosevelt will have a strong plank, providing for an interstate trade commission to regulate corporations doing interstate business. This is expected to be one of the strong "business" planks of the Roosevelt platform.

Gov. Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, following several conferences with Col. Roosevelt, is working on the initiative and referendum plank of the colored's platform. The plank will be drawn along the lines of the Missouri law.

DEMOCRATIC DOINGS AROUND BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., June 15.—Blazoned in letters a foot high the name of Oscar W. Underwood, Presidential candidate from Alabama, will appear on all sides of the St. James Hotel when he moves his headquarters here next Wednesday. It is to be strictly an Underwood hotel, and his cohorts will not only occupy the entire building, but the overflow will fill the large house on the opposite side of Charles Street.

The smell and roar of the taxicab is abroad in the city. Also the burning of much money and the liquid gurgles of the identity champagne. Harry M. Little, of the Blue Taxi Company, said he would have forty-two machines in service, with twenty-eight extra chauffeurs. F. G. Kitchen, of the Baltimore City Taxicab Company, will have thirty-one brown busses in service.

Rooms-to-let lists at the convention headquarters in the Equitable Building are on the increase. More than 3,000 additional rooms were added to the files yesterday by the accommodations committee. And this after the professional room sleuths of the committee had convinced themselves that every vacant room in Baltimore was on the lists.

Ten St. Charles' College boys have signed up as waiters at Korman's Hotel, to cop out a little of the easy money which is supposed to flow from the trouser pockets of the Democratic delegates. The menu will not be in Greek, Latin or Sanscrit, however, nor will the total of the diners' meals be reached through the devious peregrinations of algebra, trigonometry or calculus. But don't trust the boys. They are liable to put any tips that come their way to the aid test.

Mayor Preston paid an official visit to Chairman Norman E. Mack yesterday afternoon at the Belvedere Hotel. Mr. Mack expressed his desire for the part the mayor had taken in putting Baltimore into ideal shape for the convention. The mayor was accompanied by his secretary, Robert E. Lee.

Chairman Norman E. Mack thinks that there will be about 150,000 visitors to Baltimore during the convention. He is not far behind National Committeeman Edwin O. Wood, of Michigan, who places the figures at 200,000. He also says that the city has made ample preparations for them.

The Preston boom for vice president is gaining every day, and it will be taken up by the convention. That the mayor has an excellent chance to receive the nomination is shown by the actions of the leaders who are here and by dispatches from other cities. Representative William C. Redfield of New York, is also in the fight.

National Committeeman Edwin O. Wood, of Michigan, has launched a scheme to have the new Democratic National Committee, as named by the convention, meet right after the nominations are made and select a chairman. He was re-elected in his own State.

If Gov. Wilson receives the nomination for President he will probably not resign as Governor of New Jersey. This

TAGGART TALKS OF HIS CHOICE

Favors Marshall and Baltimore Mayor to Head Democratic Ticket.

SAYS PRESTON IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WEST

Opposition of Press, He Says, Would Not Hurt Chances of This Pair if Nominated.

Baltimore, Md., June 15.—"Marshall and Preston would make an admirable ticket," said National Committeeman Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, today at the Belvedere, in discussing Presidential combinations. And almost equally as warm in praise of Mayor Preston personally was former Judge Martin J. Wade, national committeeman from Iowa, whose delegates are pledged to Clark.

"I want to make it plain," said Mr. Taggart, pursuing the subject, "that I am for Gov. Marshall of Indiana, for President first, last, and every time, and he ought to land the nomination."

"Further, I believe that Baltimore's own man, Mayor James H. Preston, would make an admirable running mate for our candidate. The people of the country, those who do not know of the mayor personally, know Baltimore well enough to realize that a man must be of some large caliber to be elected mayor of your city these days. And, in addition, from all I can hear, I believe that Mayor Preston has made an admirable administration and has the confidence of the real Democracy of the city and State."

"With Maryland a Southern State, and a doubtful one, Mayor Preston on the ticket as the Vice Presidential candidate could make it stronger, I am sure."

Would Aid Strength.

"How would Preston go with any other Western man who was named for first place?" Mr. Taggart was asked.

"Just as well as with Gov. Marshall," the national committeeman replied. "I repeat what I say. Mr. Preston is a big man, and the people of the West know it. I am sure that his presence on the ticket would strengthen it."

Coming from National Committeeman Taggart, who is a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, the warm endorsement of the Mayor created more than a stir of interest as the news traveled about the lobby of the Belvedere.

While Mr. Taggart would, of course, prefer to see Mr. Preston on the ticket beside Gov. Marshall, he made it plain that he had confidence that the Mayor would strengthen the ticket with any Westerner for first place.

One of the wisecracks standing by unspoken to tell Mr. Taggart that Mayor Preston is at odds with a portion of the so-called Democratic press of the city.

"That makes no difference to me," he replied. "I don't know anything about the local conditions, but I do know that the Mayor would make a strong candidate."

While Mr. Taggart did not commit the Indiana delegation to the support of the Mayor out and out it is generally known that the former National Committee chairman holds the delegation in the hollow of his hand and that a word from him will swing the solid State vote to the Baltimorean.

Eyes to Westward.

Mayor Preston's chances of landing the Vice Presidential nomination depend largely upon whether a Westerner is named for first place on the ticket, according to National Committeeman Wade, of Iowa. The Iowa delegation is instructed for Clark and is bound by the unit rule.

In discussing Mayor Preston and his candidacy, Mr. Wade said:

"Your Mayor has become known in the West since he helped make the fight to land the convention for Baltimore. He is further known because of the aid he has rendered in preparing the city for the convention, and again he is known through being the Mayor of the city of Baltimore. We people in the West know Baltimore would not elect a man to govern its citizens who was not a citizen."

No Favorite Son.

"Has the Iowa delegation any favorite son for the Vice Presidency?" Mr. Wade was asked.

"We have none."

The former judge said the Iowa delegation would not be opposed to Mayor Preston, but that his chances would be much stronger if a Western man is picked for first place on the ticket.

"If an Easterner is nominated for the first place," he said, "Iowa, along with

other Western delegates, will fight to have Gov. Burke of North Dakota named for the second place."

The naming of Burke by Mr. Wade caused much surprise today, as reports have been current recently that Col. Bryan was grooming the North Dakota Governor to stampede the convention for himself.

BLUFF CANNOT WIN FOR T. R.

Director McKinley Says His Championing a Change in Constitution Will Defeat Him.

TAFT IS SURE OF VICTORY

By WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY.

Taft Campaign Manager.

Chicago, June 15.—Every effort will be made by the followers of Mr. Roosevelt to sweep delegates off their feet by bluff, bulldoze, and bluster.

No force, intimidation, or mere persuasion, to which the campaign managers of Theodore Roosevelt have resorted to transform their defeated candidate into a mere possibility as a nominee in the convention, will add a single vote to Mr. Roosevelt's minority in the convention.

In this contest an issue has been raised, within the Republican party itself involving a subversion of the Constitution as it has hitherto been interpreted and defended by the Republican party. It is proposed that Federal judges and judicial decisions shall be recalled by popular vote. This suggestion alone involves a change in the Constitution and in the laws of the land to be made effective. In addition, it is proposed that the initiative and referendum shall become a part of the system of national legislation for a nation of approximately 100,000,000 people.

Without stopping to argue for one moment the merits or demerits of this suggestion, it should be remembered that the very first section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States says:

Quotes from Constitution.

"All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

The issue involving constitutional questions has been squarely raised by Theodore Roosevelt in this campaign. He is the first and only Republican of prominence in this country who has expressed dissatisfaction with the constitution under which the United States has risen from colonial government to the foremost rank of nations of the world in the brief period of 125 years.

The antithesis of Mr. Roosevelt in this contest is President Taft, who favors progressive, popular government under the constitution, enforcement of the laws without fear or favor, the independence of the judiciary and the protection of individual rights and liberties. Including those of the minority, all of which are time-honored principles of the Republican party so indubitably written into its history as to constitute its chief reason for existence as a political organization.

For this reason, if for no other, President Taft will not only remain in this contest to a finish, but he will be the nominee of the coming Republican national convention for President. He will lead the Republican party to victory in the convention. The principles for which he stands will live in the Republican platform, which will be adopted by the convention. Such a platform and candidate assure Republican success in the national elections in November.

Sidelights on the Chicago Convention

Chicago, June 15.—The Rev. John Wesley Hill, former pastor of the Metropolitan Temple, New York, and now president of the International Peace Forum, in the Congressional body today predicted a little Taft sermonette.

"I'm a great admirer of Col. Roosevelt," he said, "I was even instrumental in placing a Roosevelt memorial window in the Metropolitan Temple in New York. But I'd rather leave Roosevelt in that window than see him in the White House again. A church window is a better place for him."

Gov. Glasscock, of West Virginia, was being photographed for the ninety-ninth time at the Michigan Avenue entrance of the Congress. A pitcher of ice water was overturned in a window above him and the Governor received a shower bath.

"See," he drawled, "that is a sign from heaven that this picture thing has been overdone."

"Steam Roller Buster" Flinn, from Pittsburgh, brought his son Ralph along to assist in this "roller busting," and the latter today confessed that he is a really truly sure-enough steam-roller expert. Both he and his father are Pittsburgh contractors, and use in their daily nonpolitical work about a dozen of the monster, monster, battering machines for smoothing out asphalt roads and other things.

C. W. Calhoun, one of the Maryland Roosevelt routers, deserted \$50 in bills when a telephone call caused him to hurry from the cigar counter at the Grand Pacific.

When he returned fifteen minutes later a pretty girl handed him the wallet with all his wealth intact. The girl now has a standing order for "beauty" roses at a downtown flower shop.

Col. Sam Parker, the Hawaiian millionaire, discovered that he needed money. He felt through his pockets and found a New York draft for \$1,000.

"I don't suppose that that Congress Hotel can cash this for me," he remarked, and began casting about for some one who would take him to a bank and identify him.

But Paul Gore surprised him. He took him to the cashier's window and counted out forty \$100 bills, which the colonel slipped into his vest pocket.

Wilson Bureau to Move.

The Woodrow Wilson publicity bureau will be transferred from Washington to Baltimore on Monday. Thomas J. Pence, who has had charge of the Wilson campaign in Washington, expects to leave for Baltimore tomorrow, expressing the confident belief that Gov. Wilson will be nominated by the Baltimore convention.

Conscience Causes Confusion.

Binghamton, N. Y., June 15.—Driven by a guilty conscience to give himself up, Lee Smith, aged 25, son of an East Worcester, was arraigned in Federal Court today charged with the theft of \$1,000 from the East Worcester National Bank. Smith disappeared after taking the money and wandered through the West before returning home. Sentence was deferred as the prisoner confessed.

PROMINENT FIGURES AT THE CONVENTION



From top to bottom: Ormsby McHarg, one of Roosevelt's most energetic lieutenants; Col. Harry S. New, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, in charge of the National Republican Convention, and Senator Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, manager of the Roosevelt campaign, and the colonel's spokesman in Chicago.

THIRD PARTY NO LONGER A RUMOR

Pittsburgers Apply to Court for Recognition of the "Roosevelt Party."

Pittsburg, June 15.—The first gun fired by the Roosevelt adherents in their determination to place the colonel in a position where the people of the country can have an opportunity to vote their preference for him was made known today when J. P. McConnell, J. P. Heckman, Frank A. Carlson, William Selman, and George Neemes, all prominent residents of this city, filed an application in Common Pleas Court, asking that "the Roosevelt party" be officially authorized and allowed to take its place on the official ballot of Allegheny County and that they be members of a new party, and have adopted the name "the Roosevelt party" to designate the party or policy of themselves or their associates.

It was reported that this is the first public indication of the intention of William H. Flinn and his associates to launch the regular Republican party and back a new movement if President Taft is renominated at Chicago.

Middle at Key West.

Key West, Fla., June 15.—The United States cruiser San Francisco arrived here today bearing the Annapolis Naval Academy midshipmen who are upon their annual cruise.

MUST BOLT IF HE WOULD "SHOW"

McKinley Says "Rump" Convention Is Roosevelt's Only Hope of Seeing Himself Nominated.

T. R. RENCHMEN TALK OF SPLIT

Chicago, June 15.—Theodore Roosevelt will be nominated on the first ballot at the Coliseum on Wednesday or just as soon as the reports of the committee on resolutions and credentials are disposed of, or he will be nominated somewhere else in Chicago within a very few hours of that time.

This was a statement made today by one of the men who came to Chicago as advance guard for the former President and who is believed by most politicians to have a pretty good idea as to what the colonel proposes to do.

Both the speaker, who refused to permit the use of his name, and managers of the Roosevelt campaign took the attitude that the developments of the last few days will probably make a bolt unnecessary.

Nevertheless, it was definitely established, and from Roosevelt sources, that an option has been secured upon the First Regiment Armory, which is just around the corner from the Coliseum. The armory is to be used if Col. Roosevelt shall so determine for the holding of what his followers term a "super-session" convention.

The operators of the Taft steam roller on the national committee were of the opinion that Roosevelt will be forced to bolt and to hold a "rump" convention if he expects to be nominated at all.

"That is the only way that battling Theodore can get his name on the November ballot at all," said Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania today. "The national convention has disposed of pretty much all the contests. They have been disposed of for the most part in favor of President Taft, which is nothing more or less than right and justice. Not Likely to Stampede."

"The regularly selected delegates who have been seated by the National Committee and who favor the renomination of President Taft regard it as highly improbable that Roosevelt will control the convention, stamped it, or have very much of anything to do with the convention beyond receiving the minority vote to which he is entitled, and which may be regarded as a compliment or otherwise, in proportion to its size and according to the point of view the colonel may take."

Col. Harry S. New, national committeeman from Indiana, and chairman of the committee on arrangements, spoke in the same strain.

"Col. Roosevelt has come. I am convinced, to attempt to stampede the convention itself. Failing in that, he will probably lead a bolt. Some of the most intimate advisers of the colonel believe that the demand of the people for his return to the Presidency is so strong that he can carry the field both against Taft and any one that the Democrats may name at Baltimore."

Blacks Could Control Convention if They Stand Together

Chicago, June 15.—Leaders of both sides of the big Republican contest today called attention to the fact that the colored delegates to the convention, could, in the event they stood together, control the national body's work. They point that in the gathering that will be called to order Tuesday there will be sixty-six of the race that has only enjoyed suffrage since the civil war. Both sides are fighting to hold the colored vote, and the big men of neither will consent to be quoted on the subject. They approach it under the seal of confidence. They point out that there is little or no prospect of any such unified action being taken.

The main portion of the colored delegates, as now seated, are in the Taft wagon, and Taft leaders are straining every point to hold them. On the other hand, the Roosevelt workers are directing their chief effort toward winning them away from the Taft side.

South Australia has established a new world's record for egg production in connection with a laying competition at Roseworthy. A Wattlepen pen of six pullets laid in the twelve months 1,589 eggs, an average of over 264 per pullet.

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PROMINENT FIGURES IN POLITICAL ARENA.

VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN.

SENATOR ALBERT CUMMINS.

It is generally believed that, if nominated, President Taft would prefer "Honey Jim" Sherman as a running mate to any other of the Republicans who have been mentioned for the Vice Presidency. Senator Cummins, the insurgent leader, of Iowa, is himself a candidate for President.